

Amendment No. 1 to HB2860

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2243*

House Bill No. 2860

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) It is an offense for a person to knowingly restrain a dog with a chain, cord, tether, cable, or similar device while a natural or manmade disaster is imminent or occurring, and the dog is unattended and not under direct supervision, including a period of time when:

(1) A severe flooding or tornado warning issued by the national weather service is in effect for the geographic area where the dog is located; or

(2) A mandatory or voluntary evacuation order is in effect for the geographic area where the dog is located.

(b) Nothing in this section prohibits prosecution under § 39-14-202(b), if the person's conduct results in the dog suffering bodily injury as defined in § 39-11-106.

(c)

(1) A person shall not be prosecuted for a violation of subsection (a) unless the person has previously received a warning citation for violating subsection (a).

(2) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.